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1. THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS US THAT IT BELIEVES THAT CPR-ALBANIAN RELATIONS ARE IN A STATE OF SOMEWHAT INCREASED "RESERVE," THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING SO DRASTIC AS THE KIND OF ECONOMIC RUPTURE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. THE "RESERVE" IN CPR-ALBANIAN RELATIONS IS REFLECTED IN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FAILURE OF THREE CHINESE "POLITICAL DELEGATIONS" WHICH VISITED BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CALL ALSO AT TIRANA, OUR SOURCE SAID, NOTING
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THAT IN THE PAST SUCH GROUPS ALWAYS BEGAN THEIR BALKAN VISITS IN ALBANIA.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE, THE INCREASED COOLNESS CAN BE TRACED TO THE REFUSAL OF THE ALBANIANS TO DENOUNCE THE "GROUP OF FOUR," AN INTERPRETATION, IT ADDS, WHICH IS ALSO SHARED BY THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN TIRANA. THE ALBANIANS, IN THE GREEK

VIEW, HAVE REFUSED OPENLY TO DENOUNCE THE GROUP OF FOUR BECAUSE THEY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE POLITICS OF THE GROUP.

3. THE GREEKS PRESENTLY HAVE NO INFORMATION INDICATING A RUPTURE IN CHINESE-ALBANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IN FACT, THE GREEK EMBASSY IN TIRANA REPORTED THAT A LARGE SHIPMENT OF CHINESE ARMS WAS DELIVERED TO ALBANIA JUNE 10. THE EQUIPMENT--INCLUDING "CHINESE TANKS"--WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE ALBANIAN-YUGOSLAV BORDER AREA, OUR SOURCE SAID.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LONG-TERM COOLING IN ALBANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS THAT FAR ANTE-DATES THE CURRENT CONTRETEMPS OVER THE GROUP OF FOUR. THE GREEKS THINK THAT THE ALBANIANS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMETIME FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THEIR EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON CHINA. ACCORDING TO THE GREEK EMBASSY IN TIRANA, THE CHINESE HAD A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY ON ALBANIAN FOREIGN TRADE FIVE YEARS AGO. LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, A THIRD OF ALBANIAN FOREIGN TRADE WAS WITH OTHER NATIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL STATED FURTHER THAT ALBANIA CONTINUES TO SEARCH FOR OTHER TRADING PARTNERS AND POSSIBILITIES TO LESSEN IT STILL CONSIDERABLE DEPENDENCE ON CHINA. (IN PASSING, OUR SOURCE NOTED THAT GREECE AND ALBANIA WOULD SOON BE SIGNING A COMMERCIAL AIR AGREEMENT.)
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